Docket No.: 50006-087

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Makoto OTSUKI, et al.

Serial No.:

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

For:

DYNAMIC-PRESSURE BEARING AND SPINDLE MOTOR COMPRISING THE

SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, line 2, please delete (2)".

Claim 1, line 3, please delete (3)"

Claim 1, line 4, please delete "(2)"

Claim 1, line 6, please delete (5)".

Claim 1, line 7, please delete (2)".

Claim 1, line 8, please delete '"(3)".